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(Incorporated 7th & 18th March, 1848.)

RECOGNISED by the INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION of 30th April, 1862.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP, £3,200,000. RESERVE FUND, £800,000.

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Hongkong, May 20, 1879.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

PAID-UP CAPITAL, £1,500,000.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 8 1/2 per Annum. " 6 " 4 1/2 " " 12 " 5 1/2 " "

Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

GEO. O. SCOTT, Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation, Hongkong, September 4, 1879.

Bank.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, £800,000. RESERVE FUND, £150,000.

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(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

THE following Rates of Interest are allowed on FIXED DEPOSITS:—

For 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " 4 per cent. "

" 3 " 2 per cent. "

" H. H. NELSON, Manager.

Hongkong, May 31, 1879.

NATIONAL BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

Registered in London under the Companies' Act of 1862, on 23rd March, 1866.

Established in Calcutta 29th September, 1863.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, £933,000. PAID-UP CAPITAL, £465,250. RESERVE FUND, £20,000.

HEAD OFFICE:—39, THE BEADNEEDLE STREET, LONDON, E.C.

Hongkong, December 2, 1879.

LONDON BANKERS:—

NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK OF ENGLAND.

NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

All descriptions of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

INTEREST allowed on CURRENT ACCOUNTS at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balances; and on FIXED DEPOSITS according to arrangement—the maximum rate being 5 per cent. per annum.

R. H. SANDEMAN, Manager.

Hongkong, November 1, 1879.

Entertainment.

HONGKONG TEMPERANCE HALL.

BY the Kind Permission of Captain CLEVELAND and under the distinguished Patronage of Vice-Admiral COOTE, C.B.,

AN ENTERTAINMENT will be given in the TEMPERANCE HALL, FLETCHER'S BUILDINGS, by the DUCAL TROUPE NEGRO MINSTRELS of H.M.S. Iron Duke,

On FRI DAY,

2ND JAN., 1880, AT 8.30 P.M.

Programmes will be issued.

Admission—Front Seats, £1. Second do., 50 Cents. Soldiers and Sailors, 25 do.

Hongkong, December 29, 1879.

OUR BOYS'

RAMATI COOMPANY, comprising the following Artists:—

MISS EMILY BLAIN.

MISS MINNIE NORDT.

MRS. NORVILLE.

MESSRS FRANK STUART,

GEO. NORVILLE,

G. CROFTON, AND

HARRY FRANKLIN.

Will arrive Early in JANUARY, and will give

THREE PERFORMANCES ONLY.

Full Particulars in future Advertisements.

GEO. NORVILLE,

Business Manager.

Hongkong, December 22, 1879.

THE HONGKONG CHORAL SOCIETY

will perform

THE SORCERER

AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE,

On FRI DAY,

the 23rd January, at 9 p.m.

Tickets may be purchased and places secured at Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.'s, on and after SATURDAY, the 17th Proximo.

W. WHEELER,

Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, December 28, 1879.

For Sale.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

HAVE just RECEIVED their Usual ASSORTMENT of CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S PRESENTS, Comprising:—

GLOVE and HANDKERCHIEF BOXES, JEWELRY BOXES and SOENT CABINETS.

PRINCESS STATIONERY CABINETS, VELVET WORK BAGS.

WORK BOXES in Leather and Fancy Woods.

CARD TRAYS and SCRAP BOOKS.

VELVET PHOTOGRAPH FRAMES.

STATUETTES.

Handsome Bound and Illustrated GIFT BOOKS, Comprising:—

PICTURE GALLERY OF MODERN ART.

SWITZERLAND ILLUSTRATED.

WOODLAND ROMANCE.

THE BIRD, by JULES MICHELET.

THE INSECT, by JULES MICHELET.

THE BIRD WORLD.

THE EPIC OF HADES.

A Large Assortment of Newest GIFT BOOKS for Boys and Girls.

CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR CARDS, the Latest Novelties.

Elegantly Dressed FRENCH DOLLS.

DOLLS' PORTMANTEAUX, completely fitted.

SWIMMING and WASHING DOLLS.

MECHANICAL TOYS, in Great Variety.

DOLLS' PERAMBULATORS.

PUZZLES, GAMES, BRICKS.

HORSES and CARTS, WHEEL-BARROWS.

DRUMS, TRUMPETS, GUNS and SWORDS.

THE PRESENT SEASON'S NOVELTIES in COSAQUES, Comprising:—

HELEN'S BABIES' CRACKERS, PICTORIAL.

INCognita, COMICAL and CLUB CRACKERS.

BELLES of the SEASON, &c., &c., &c.

PAINT BOXES.

CHRISTMAS CAKES and PLUM PUDDINGS.

FRENCH PLUMS. BLOOM MUSCATES.

CRYSTALLIZED CHOCOLATE BONBONS.

CHOCOLATE in Pretty Boxes, for Pre-

SENTS.

FRENCH BONBONS. DRAGEES.

FRUITS in Noyau. JUJUBES.

SMYRNA FIGS. BRAZIL NUTS.

BARCELONA ALMONDS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, December 2, 1879.

ED. CHASTEL &

For Sale.

CHRISTMAS STORES.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.,
BEG to call attention to the following
New Supply of STORES, which
they have Received

Ex "GORDON CASTLE,"
And Other Recent Arrivals.

CURISTMAS CAKES, 4-lb., 5-lb. and
6-lb. each.

CHRISTMAS PLUM PUDDINGS.

Pure AMERICAN CANDIES.

Pure SCOTCH CANDIES.

DRAGLES. ALMONDS.

Fancy CHOCOLATES.

MASON'S CHOCOLATE CREAMS.

NOUGATINES.

Crystallized METZ FRUITS.

New Designs in COSAQUES.

"CETEWATO'S HAT BOX."

"MARQUEBETE'S JEWEL CASKET."

"GRANDMA'S BONNET BOX."

"EDWIN and ANGELINA."

&c., &c., &c.,

SMYRNA FIGS.

Muscatal-BLOOM RAISINS.

JORDAN ALMONDS.

BRAZAL NUTS.

PECAN NUTS.

HICKORY NUTS.

Cooking and Table PRUNES.

Pudding RAISINS and CURRANTS.

Candied PEEL.

MINCEMEAT in 1-lb. tins.

VAN HOUTEN'S COCOA.

CARAWAY SEEDS.

SCHWITZER'S COCOATINA.

American CREAM CHEESE.

SAP SAGE CHEESE.

LIMBURG CHEESE.

PINE APPLE CHEESE.

HAM TONGUE & CHICKEN SAUSAGE.

WESTPHALIAN, BOLOGNA, OXFORD, and
TRUFFLED SAUSAGES.

GAME PIES.

Potted MEATS.

Prime Yorkshite HAMS.

Prime Wiltshire BACON in tins & Canvas.

Pickled OX-TONGUES.

OX-TONGUES in JELLY.

TRUFFLES.

CALIFORNIA ROLL BUTTER.

CUTTING'S Canned DESSERT FRUITS.

HUNTLING & PALMER'S BISCUITS.

CALIFORNIA CRACKER Co.'s GINGER CAKES.

MILK BISCUITS.

ALPHABET BISCUITS.

OYSTER BISCUITS.

WAFER BISCUITS.

SODA BISCUITS.

First-class and Medium CHAMPAGNES,
Pints and Quarts.

HOCK.

SAUTERNES.

CLARET.

Fine Old Pale PORT, 1848.

SACCONI'S Pale Dry SHERRY.

Do. Amonilado SHERRY.

LA GRANDE MARQUE CHARTREUSE,
Pints and Quarts.

MARASCHINO DE ZARA.

CURACAO.

Fine Old BOURBON WHISKY.

Scotch and IRISH WHISKIES.

BASS'S ALE Bottled by CAMERON and
SAUNDERS, Pints and Quarts.

GUINNESS'S STOUT Bottled by E. & J.
BURKE, Pints and Quarts.

Specially Selected CIGARS.

Princess CHEROOTS.

Carite CHEROOTS.

Princess CIGARS.

Carite CIGARS.

Arceros CIGARS.

Vegueros CIGARS.

Choice No. 1 Fortin CIGARS in Boxes
of 100.

Choice No. 3 Meisig CHEROOTS.

Choko No. 3 Fortin CIGARS.

PRESENTATION BOOKS.

SCIENTIFIC WORKS.

WORKS OF REFERENCE.

SCHOOL BOOKS.

CHILDREN'S STORY BOOKS.

CHILDREN'S TOY BOOKS.

NOVELS.

ATLASSES.

HISTORIES.

DICTIONARIES.

OLLENDORFF'S METHOD for Learning
FRENCH and SPANISH.

DR. AULD'S METHOD for Learning GER-
MAN and FRENCH.

ASHER'S MODEL BOOKS of FOREIGN
COMMERCIAL CORRESPONDENCE,
GERMAN, FRENCH and SPANISH.

"NORTH CHINA HERALD" D A T E
BLOCK for 1880.

NEW SEASON'S PRESENT TEA, in 5 and
10 Catty Boxes.

Hongkong, December 15, 1879.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received in-
structions from Messrs ARNOLD,
KARBERG & Co., to sell by Public Auction
(unless previously disposed of by
Private Contract), on

THURSDAY,

the 8th of January, 1880, at 2 p.m., on
Board—

GERMAN BRIG "CARL,"

of 226 Registered Tons, as she now lies
at anchor off Yow-mah-tee, with all her
MASTS, SAILS, and INVENTORY, complete.

For further Particulars, apply to Messrs
Arnold, Karberg & Co.; or, to the Auction-

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

F. RAPP,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, Dec. 23, 1879. ja8

Intimations.

EIGHTH DRAWING

Chinese Imperial Government
Eight per Cent. Loan
of 1874.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that in
conformity with the stipulation con-
tained in the Bonds of this Loan, the follow-
ing numbers of Bonds to be paid off at par,
in Hongkong on the 31st of December, 1879,
and in London on the 19th of February,
1880, when the Interest thereon will cease,
were this day Drawn at the Offices of the
HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING COR-
PORATION, 31, Lombard Street, London, in
the presence of Mr. GEORGE HENRY BUR-
NETT, Accountant of the said Corporation,
and of the undersigned Notary.

NUMBERS OF BONDS DRAWN.

313 Bonds Nos. —

— 9 1264 2534 3800 5046
— 33 1294 2554 3811 5068
— 53 1308 2575 3828 5090
— 71 1340 2587 3842 5104
— 96 1341 2608 3865 5121
— 112 1379 2624 3884 5159
— 134 1396 2642 3907 5167
— 158 1417 2661 3929 5169
— 166 1433 2681 3949 5208
— 200 1456 2704 3962 5233
— 211 1476 2729 3979 5249
— 229 1496 2751 4012 5267
— 255 1617 2773 4023 5288
— 278 1539 2792 4049 5313
— 299 1649 2816 4070 5329
— 303 1561 2835 4091 5354
— 329 1597 2851 4106 5376
— 351 1608 2875 4137 5393
— 369 1622 2884 4147 5405
— 388 1631 2911 4151 5434
— 407 1678 2939 4183 5442
— 426 1687 2941 4202 5467
— 451 1704 2970 4229 5492
— 471 1727 2981 4252 5504
— 481 1750 3016 4276 5524
— 513 1762 3029 4293 5560
— 527 1800 3045 4305 5568
— 551 1806 3068 4327 5592

Per Peshawur, from Shanghai: for Hong-
kong, Messrs Pitman, Browning, Nickel,
Sassoon, and 35 Chinese; for Bombay,
Messrs Raphard and Judah; for Southampton,
Mrs Pike, and Mr Macmillan.

To-day's Advertisements.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY.
(Taking Cargo and Passengers at through
rates for HANKOW and Ports on
the YANGTZE.)

The Company's Steamship
Captain H. Jones, will be
despatched on or about the
8th January, 1880.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWINE,

Agents.

Hongkong, December 30, 1879.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Dec. 29, Katie Flickinger, American bark-
entine, 472, S. J. Gilman, Yokohama
Dec. 16, General—RUSSELL & Co.

Dec. 29, H.M.S. Sheldrake, from Canton.

Dec. 30, Peshawur, British steamer, 2240,
C. A. White, Shanghai Dec. 26, Mails and
General.—F. & O. S. N. Co.

DEPARTURES.

Dec. 30, Kwangtung, for Coast Ports.

30, Conquest, for Hoihow, &c.

30, Bremar, for Bangkok.

30, H.M.S. Egeria, for Singapore.

30, Ningpo, for Shanghai.

Cleared.

Yorktown, for Manila.

Gleniffer, for Shanghai.

Yottung, for Swatow.

Hieronymus, for Manila.

Merionethshire, for Singapore and London.

Emil Julius, for Manila.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per Peshawur, from Shanghai: for Hong-
kong, Messrs Pitman, Browning, Nickel,
Sassoon, and 35 Chinese; for Bombay,
Messrs Raphard and Judah; for Southampton,
Mrs Pike, and Mr Macmillan.

DEPARTED.

Per Ningpo, for Shanghai, Mr Kohl.

Per Conquest, for Hoihow, 19 Chinese;

for Pakhol, 6 Chinese; for Haiphong, 16
Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer Peshawur reports:
Fresh monsoon and fine weather.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—

For SWATOW.—
Per Yottung, at 7.30 a.m. To-morrow,
the 31st inst.

For STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—

Per Zamboanga, at 2.30 p.m. To-morrow,
the 31st inst., instead of as pro-
viously notified.

For SHANGHAI.—</div

operation of the Act rendered such tea almost entirely unsaleable; the recent great advance in prices has afforded the holder the opportunity of realising. These teas will presumably be chiefly shipped abroad, as they are completely out of favour for the home trade. The remark that their sale has given rise to another evidence of the improved taste in the matter of green tea for which the Adulteration Act must receive the credit. We may remark that the power of the Customs to detain tea or to pass it for exportation only does not apply to tea imported previously to the passing of the Act.

(*London and China Express*, Nov. 21.)

It is reported in well-informed circles that Mr A. Bourne, son of a former Ambassador at Constantinople and at present sub-Director of the Political Department of the French Foreign Office, has been named as the successor of Viscount Bremont at Peking. We congratulate Mr Bourne on this important promotion, and we feel assured that the Chinese Government and the foreign community at Peking will find him a most agreeable addition to the Diplomatic body. He combines the *savoir faire* with the *fortitude* in re-

The date of departure is not yet fixed.

The *London Gazette* contains the following appointments with reference to the Legation at Peking:—Hugh Fraser, Esq., Her Majesty's Secretary at that place (now on leave), to be Secretary to the Embassy at Vienna; the Hon. Thomas George Grosvenor, O.B., to be Secretary to Her Majesty's Legation at Peking. Our readers will remember that Mr Grosvenor was Second Secretary at Peking from 1874 to 1877, and proceeded to Yunnan to investigate the circumstances connected with the murder of Mr Margary.

The following changes have taken place in the China Consular Service:—Mr Alabaster, Consul at Amoy, has gone to Hankow, Mr H. A. Giles taking his place at Amoy, with Mr O. Johnson as assistant. Mr H. J. Allen goes to Nanchang, with Mr Everett as assistant. Mr Bullock goes to Chinkiang as Acting Consul. Mr Ford will have charge of the Consulate at Tamsui, vice Mr Frater, on leave.

The Bill authorising the Minister of Finance to pay £40,000 per annum as a subsidy for a mail service between Java and China has passed the Upper House of the Dutch Parliament. We presume that tenders will now be called for, but the competition will not be large for so small a subsidy, and the Netherlands-India Steam Company will be the only one able to undertake it.

H.E. the Marquis Tseng will, we understand, leave for Paris to-morrow, accompanied by his family for a lengthened visit. H.E. Tchen-lan-pin, the Special Envoy, has left Paris for Madrid, in order to be present at the coming Royal ceremony of the marriage of King Alphonse.

We understand that the negotiations on the Opium Clause in the Chefoo Convention, which Sir Thor. Wade was empowered to conduct at Peking, have not yet been brought to a conclusion. The ratification and publication in the *Gazette* is consequently still in suspense.

Sir Harry Parkes arrived in London from Japan, via America, on the 15th inst., but we regret to say that Lady Parkes died on the 12th. An Obituary notice will be found in another column.

The dividend to be recommended by the directors of the P. and O. Steam Navigation Company at the annual meeting on the 2nd prox. will be 3 per cent. for the half-year ended the 30th Sept. last, with a payment from the underwriting account of 1 per cent. (in all 4 per cent.), making, with the interim dividend paid in June, 5½ per cent. for the year. The distribution for the year 1878 was at the same rate.

In the Bankruptcy Court Mr A. Mildmay Gepp, China merchant and tea dealer, of Rood-lane and Canton, passed his public examination upon a statement of affairs showing total liabilities £22,259 10s., and assets £272 18s. The trustee offered no opposition. The case of Mr G. F. Dickenson was also heard. The total debts were £3,845. The bankrupt passed.

The *Toronto Mail* says:—A meeting, ostensibly of cigar makers, was held in the Horticultural Hall at San Francisco, on the 5th inst., when Kearney announced that it was proposed to organise a secret society, to be called "Jacobins," whose object would be to hang every and any merchant who should employ the Chinese, or in any way encourage Chinese labour. The agitator called for a show of hands on the proposition, when instantly, and with singular unanimity, the hands of all present were raised in approval. No disapprobation was shown, either by word or sign, of Kearney's proposition to organise a select and murderous society. Much excitement has been produced wherever the action is known.

The *Advertiser* says:—Several retired merchants of Boston have contributed to a fund for teaching Chinese at Harvard University. Mr. Ko-kun-hue, a Chinaman versed in the Mandarin form of his native tongue, has been engaged for three years to instruct those students who desire it. The text-book used is Sir Thomas Wade's "Progressive Course in Colloquial and Documentary Chinese."

Lieut. Siccio-chang, who, under Count Kleczkowski, had charge of the Chinese lesson at the Ecole des Langues Orientales Vivantes, died on the 14th inst., at the age of fifty-eight, from a congestion of the lungs. The deceased gentleman, being a Christian, his funeral service took place on Saturday, at the Church of St. Pierre de Chaillet, and was attended by Mr. Schefer, director of the School, Count Kleczkowski, and several professors and pupils belonging to the Ecole des Langues Orientales. Lieut. had been about six years in France, and most of the student interpreters now in China belonging to the French Consular Service have been trained by him.

Capt. Arthur Hildebrand Alington, R.N., the senior of the four commanders recently promoted to the captains' list, was a midshipman in the Baltic and Black Seas during the Russian war, and has received the Baltic, Crimean, and Turkish medals with Sebastopol clasp. He took an active part in the last Niger Expedition in August, 1877, and was mentioned in despatches for his services. Capt. Archer John William Musgrave, the second on the list, served in the China during the operations in the Canton river and at the capture of Canton, and commanded the *Cookstrake* up the Danube during the Russo-Turkish war, and received the approval of the Foreign Office for his services and reports. Capt. Charles Lister Oxley, the junior of the four officers promoted, was specially mentioned as a midshipman for services at the attack on the Peking Forts in 1859.

The trooship *Tyne* arrived at Woolwich on the 18th inst. in order to take in stores from the Royal Arsenal previous to embarking troops for Cyprus, Colombo, and the China stations. The stores embarking at the Arsenal are principally guns, ammunition, and other garrison requisites for the foreign stations on her route, and her troops will be about 450 in number, exclusive of twenty-four officers. They will include drafts from the 27th, 102nd, and other regiments, to embark at Portsmouth. The *Tyne* has been recently docked and repaired at Chatham. She is under orders to embark at Portsmouth on or about the 24th inst. Major J. Hillippe and 21 men for Ceylon, 12 men for Singapore, and 17 men for Hongkong—all belonging to the Royal Artillery. She will also take out Major Hale, Capt. Gedbold, and 93 men from the 10th Regiment, to join the 27th Regiment at Hongkong.

The *Albatross*, 4, screw sloop, Commander Errington, left Plymouth for Singapore and China, via the Suez Canal, on the 18th inst. As we have already announced, the *Iris* is to receive her first commission next month, and to proceed to reinforce the China fleet, in company with the steel corvette *Comus*. The *Iris* is a swift despatch vessel, built of steel and fitted with steel masts, and designed either for quick cruising or for rapid communication between colonies or fleets. So well has she fulfilled the hopes of her constructors that on her trial the *Iris* was proved capable of steaming at the rate of twenty-one miles an hour, and there is little doubt that on service her average speed will be between seventeen and eighteen miles. The *Iris* is not heavily armed, but carries ten guns, all of them 64-pounders, weapons that would stand her good stead against most unarmoured ships. To add to her offensive character the *Iris* is to carry two steam torpedo launches, which can be lowered over the side for purposes of attack, and may be hoisted on board again without difficulty. The *Woodlark*, 3, double screw gun vessel, is under orders to be completed by the end of the year to relieve the *Frolic*, 4, double screw composite gun vessel on the China station. The repairs to the *Woodlark* have been of the most extensive character, and have involved an outlay of over £15,000.

Latest Mail Advices:—Yokohama, (via San Francisco) October 10; Shanghai, October 4; Foochow, October 1; Hongkong, October 11. The P. & O. mail, with the advice dated as above, from China and the Straits Settlements, was delivered, via Brindisi, on the 16th inst., two days early. The advice from Japan, via San Francisco, were received on the 17th inst. The next inward French mail, bringing a week's later dates, left Suez per Messageries Maritimes steamer *Tigre* on the 17th, and is expected to reach London on the 24th inst., due to the coming Royal ceremony of the marriage of King Alphonse.

Captain Morgan has received from the Admiralty a very gratifying letter of praise at the manner in which he rendered assistance to the disabled P. and O. steamer *Australia*. The Company has addressed a letter to the Admiralty, speaking in the highest terms of the services of the officers and men of the *Australia*.

We hear that Major Serpa Pinto has somewhat improved in health since his return to Portugal, and has been able to recommence work on his book, the appearance of which is looked forward to with much interest by geographers. It is rumoured that Sir Charles Dilke is shortly to be married to a daughter of the house of Rothschild, a sister of the Countess of Rosebery.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Proceedings of the Legislative Council at a meeting held on the 30th December, 1879, present:—H. E. the Governor (President); the Chief Justice, Sir John Smale; the Colonial Secretary, Hon. W. H. Marsh; the Acting Colonial Treasurer, Hon. M. S. Tonnochy; the Acting Attorney General, Hon. J. Russell; and the following hon. unofficial members: Messrs P. Ryrie, J. Keswick, and J. M. Price.

THE MERCHANT SHIPPING CONSOLIDATION ORDINANCE 1880.

The consideration, in Committee, of this Bill was resumed where the last day's proceedings left off, that is, entering on Part II. (See 24.) which is concerned with the regulation and control of the waters of the Colony, and of the vessels navigating the same.

On the clause concerning light dues, it was stated that the M. M. steamers which in all other matters have the status of vessels of war, would not rank as such under this clause.

With regard to the clauses relative to gunpowder, Hon. Mr Price suggested that dynamite and also other explosives should be inclined. Dynamite was being largely used and would eventually supersede gunpowder.

The Acting Attorney General pointed out that this was provided for by the Dangerous Goods Ordinance, which he intended to reprint as an appendix to this ordinance. Kerosine, dynamite and everything else of the kind was provided for by that ordinance.

On the suggestion of Mr Tonnochy the Governor in Council was empowered, in addition to making rules and regulation for the proper carrying out of the provisions of the Ordinance with regard to gunpowder, also with regard to the storage of gunpowder on land, to make rules and regulations for its proper conveyance or carriage in the waters of the Colony. This arose out of a suggestion by Mr Ryrie with regard to having specially constructed boats for the conveyance of explosive substances in the harbour.

Mr Price, on this point, said he believed the Dangerous Goods Ordinance was defective.

The Attorney General said it would have to be dealt with by special amending ordinance, then; it was not intended to touch it by this Shipping Ordinance.

Some desultory discussion ensued on a clause which required from all junks entering and leaving the harbour a declaration as to, *inter alia*, the cargo on board. The clause originally stood that all junks entering should declare cargo. This was with view to following up piracy. The Harbour Master suggested that all junks going out should also declare their cargo. Mr Ryrie and Mr Keswick were against this new provision. It would cause great delay and inconvenience to any foreign ship, and they concluded therefore it would be inconvenient to junks. Mr Tonnochy said that as a matter of fact the junk-masters had been in the habit of not declaring their cargoes. Articles piratically stolen, it had often been thus proved, had really been on board when leaving. After discussion the clause was toned down so as

to require only particulars of arms and ammunition carried and the general character of the other cargo to be declared. The clause as passed was drafted by the Hon. the Senior Unofficial Member.

With regard to the forfeiture of a junk leaving the Colony after night-fall it was provided that the junk shall be forfeited. The Governor explained that Mr Philipps, then Attorney General, and Mr C. O. Smith, then Colonial Secretary were in favour of the word being "may." That would leave the option of forfeiture of the junk to the Magistrate, whereas the other way the Magistrate was bound to forfeit the power lying in the Governor, on petition, to annul the forfeiture. The word was "shall" in the old ordinance and the Secretary of State was of opinion that it should be retained. The point arose in this way. A junk left the harbour after night-fall and was seized outside the waters of the Colony and 59 balls of opium found. The junk master, as was always the case, swore she was seized within the waters of the Colony. The Harbour Master investigated the matter and reported that the junk had left the port after dark with the opium on board and without a clearance. The Marine Magistrate and Mr May adjudicated the case and found that the junk had violated the two clauses, but they went on to say that they thought it would be sufficient to inflict some very trifling penalty, binding the master over in sureties for a week or something of the kind. But seeing that the ordinance had been actually violated and that the words were "shall be forfeited," he (the Governor) took on himself the responsibility of forfeiting the junk, and gave the junk owner the option of coming before the Court and claiming his junk. The whole transaction was reported to the Secretary of State and he instructed him as Governor to inform the Magistrates that it was their duty to have forfeited the junk. He also desired that the words "shall be forfeited" be retained. Mr Philipps and Mr. Smith had said that as they understood it, the law was framed to prevent piracy. The Secretary of State said he understood the ordinance as also framed to prevent smuggling. He desired to hold the Governor as the man responsible and did not desire to give the Magistrate the power to let the offender retain his junk. It was only due to a neighboring friendly power to do nothing which could be taken as in any way encouraging smuggling. Were the old ordinance altered in the way proposed it might be taken as a relaxation of the law. He desired to make the Governor responsible for any junk returned to any one violating the law. He (the Governor) had been told by the Captain Superintendent of Police that the men who carried on this smuggling trade in salt and opium were the bad characters who were to a very large extent responsible for thefts and other crimes here. They were desperate men who carried their lives in their hands and lived a regular life of crime. These were the men who set out on these nights with goods on board to be smuggled. These men he had thought it his duty to punish by the forfeiture of their junks. But in any case in which there was reason to believe that the offender was an honest trader who had made a slip and brought himself within the Law, he had invariably declared the forfeiture null. He had always given careful attention to the case when the Magistrates recommended the return of the junk and had been always able to give effect to the recommendation. He agreed with the view of the Secretary of State that the ordinance was framed as much to prevent smuggling as to guard against piracy.

Mr Ryrie said that was of course smuggling into China ports. His Excellency: Yes. Mr Ryrie, with regard to our legislating to prevent the revenue of China from suffering, remarked that we got very little for it. They were not doing much for us. Late he saw they had been interfering with private parties out in a yacht in the harbour.

On this remark arose a long statement by the President as to the history of the Blockade question, in which he complained of his hands having been tied since he first came to Hongkong. He had always been of opinion that the customs stations and cruisers should be abolished. The question was how that to be done. He complained bitterly of the secrecy which had been observed with regard to the Chamber of Commerce meeting with Sir Thomas Wade. That neither the Governor nor the junk owners should have been allowed to know the views Her Majesty's Minister held was extraordinary. He invited discussion on the point, how were the revenue cruisers and the customs stations to be got rid of and the revenue of China from opium secured to her. It was his desire to see all pieces goods, and everything save opium and salt (the latter of which was contraband) enter China without let or hindrance. He had been tied and his efforts nullified by the memorandum of a basis of agreement which, prepared and signed by Sir Arthur Kennedy a day or two before he left, had crossed him (Mr Hennery) on his way out. That was set forth as a basis agreed on after consultation with his hon. friend on the left (Mr Keswick) and the Hon. Mr Lowcock, and therefore taken as having the sanction and approval of and satisfying the commercial community. With such a document in the hands of the Viceroy, as it was before he had been here any time, they could well understand how difficult it would be to get the stations and cruisers removed, Sir Thomas Wade and the Secretary of State holding that China had a right to maintain these.

Mr Keswick for himself, for Mr Lowcock, and for the Chamber of Commerce, distinctly denied that one or other of them had ever approved of the basis referred to.

Mr Ryrie, also, on behalf of the Chamber, denied sanction of the basis of agreement spoken of.

Mr Keswick and Mr Ryrie also disclaimed the responsibility of the Chamber for reports being excluded from the meeting. The discussion of this blockade question was an extended and important one; it is of too great importance to condense or summarise, and we hold it over till tomorrow night, when we shall give a full report. It was particularly unfortunate, the Council sitting on mail night, sitting at a late hour in the afternoon and not rising till close on six o'clock; but we prefer giving the report to-morrow with that fairness and fairness the subject demands to hurriedly summarising it to-night.

We shall, of course, prepare our report in time to be embodied in the "Overland" to be published at noon to-morrow.

With regard to junk licenses, the Governor stated that the Secretary of State was of opinion that when the finances admitted of it they might fairly consider the question of removing or at all events very considerably reducing the junk licenses, but at present he made no proposal in the matter.

The Bill having passed through committee one or two points held over from the previous day's discussion for reconsideration were now taken up.

No discussion of any moment ensued however.

The Bill having passed through committee, was finally passed by the Council, although the Chief Justice explained that he would have preferred seeing it printed with the many verbal and other alterations made in Committee shown, and having it finally revised by the Acting Attorney General.

The Governor drew attention to the suspending clause and stated that he did not intend to issue his proclamation bringing the ordinance into force until it had been sent home and approved by Her Majesty's Government.

The Council adjourned sine die.

China.
SHANGHAI.
(*N. C. Daily News*.)

The Ministers for Austria, Holland, Peru, and Spain are at present visiting Shanghai.

We hear that news was received here on Sunday (21st) of the death, at one p.m. on the 18th instant, of the Viceroy Shen, at Nanking.

A Bull in aid of the Masonic Charity Fund is announced to take place on the 23rd of January next at the Masonic Hall. Invitations will not be sent to Masons who are not subscribers.

We are glad to hear that the suggestion made in these columns by a Volunteer some time ago with respect to Church parades of the Corps, is likely to bear fruit, and that there will probably be a first muster for that purpose either on the 22nd instant or the 4th.

The Rev. Messrs. Lambeth, Thomson, and Farquhar, under appointment of the American Bible Society to revise the New Testament in the Shanghai Colloquial, have proceeded with their work as far as 200 Chapter of Acts. They have been at work several years, meeting twice a week, besides working on it in the interval.

A correspondent at Foochow, writing under date of the 17th inst., states that the Rev. Nathan Sykes had just returned from Yeng Ping, having been rather roughly handled by a mob at that place. One person had made an attempt on his eyes with a fork, which was very nearly successful, the blow or thrust coming with in about a quarter of an inch. Mr Sykes's eyes having been weak for some years, some anxiety is now felt on his account with regard to them. The native officials of the neighbourhood did their duty when it was too late, as usual.

On Thursday night last (17th), between eleven and twelve o'clock, as the British steamer *Pekin*, Captain Goodfellow, was on her way from Hankow to this port, a collision occurred between her and a lorchia.

We are informed that the steamer at the actual moment when the vessels came in contact was backing to get safely out of the way.

She had just been taking some passengers on board. The lorchia cleared herself, passed between the steamer and the shore, and went up the river. After

going some little distance her crew ran her ashore, where she was found by the steamer, which followed her after an examination of the damage done to herself.

Three of her crew were brought down to Shanghai, where we understand, the lorchia is owned. A rent of some length was made in the side of the *Pekin*, but her hold was not injured, being effectively protected by the guard. It was said that the lorchia was considerably injured.

The arbitration case between the British *Chinaman* and the C.M.S.N. Co.'s str. *Kiangteh* was concluded yesterday, (22nd). The Court met at ten o'clock in the forenoon and sat until evening with the usual interval for tiffin. Mr. Drummond examined Captain Pratt and the chief engineer on behalf of the *Kiangteh*, and then he and Mr. Wainwright summed up on behalf of their respective clients. The arbitrator then pointed out the various points for the consideration of the Nautical Assessors, Captain J. P. Roberts and W. Bowen, wherupon the Court retired to consider its decision. After an absence of nearly half an hour they returned, when the Arbitrator announced that the Assessors had found—1st, that the *Kiangteh* ought to have shown down when first sighted the *Chinaman*; 2nd, that if she had slowed down then the collision would probably have been avoided; 3rd, that there was room for the *Kiangteh* to have passed between the *Chinaman* and Gough Island; 4th, that if she had kept closer to Gough Island as she might and ought to have done, the collision would probably have been avoided; 5th, that no precaution the *Chinaman* ought to have taken was not taken. With these findings he (the Arbitrator) concurred, and consequently held that the *Kiangteh* was solely to blame.

We are very glad to learn from Mr. Ferguson of The Farm, that he thinks the epidemic amongst his herd of dairy cattle has come to a stop. The number he has lost is something enormous in so short a space of time—23 milking cows have succumbed, also his entire stock of young heifers in calf, two year olds, yearlings, and calves—in all about 8 head. We feel sure the public will sympathise with Mr. Ferguson, and they must remember that this is not only a monetary loss but one which will take at least three years to reproduce, if it can be done at all.

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